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## **BAY COUNTY RECEIVES GRANT FOR TIRE CLEAN-UP**

**LANSING** – State Senator James Barcia (D-Bay City) announced today that Tri-City Used Cars & Parts, Inc. in Bay County will receive a \$4,315 state grant to fund the removal of used tires. On Thursday, Governor Jennifer Granholm and Environmental Quality Director Steve Chester announced the awarding of \$3.9 million in Scrap Tire Cleanup Program funds to applicants in 35 Michigan counties. The program is expected to reduce the number of scrap tires by some 7.9 million.

“Scrap tires are potential fire hazards as well as breeding grounds for mosquitoes,” Sen. Jim Barcia said. “These funds are an investment in improved health for our communities as well as environmental protections for our state.”

Award recipients have until August 31, 2006 to complete contract requirements for having scrap tires removed. All tires must be removed and processed according to a DEQ-approved tire removal plan.

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